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In response to the wishes of several of my husband's dearest friends, I had decided to print for them and for ourselves his later verses, with the Sermon and the four Addresses, almost all of which he had written since the little volume of his earlier Verses was privately printed in 1891.

But then I was appealed to by others of his friends, who begged that the Verses might be more widely circulated. I hesitated in my answer—for the Verses were largely written for his "Home," and certainly with no idea of publication. And I was jealous of the possible criticism which they might encounter in consequence.

However, as the wish for them was strongly expressed, and as I can only feel pride and thankfulness for their high ideals and for their tender love, I have decided to send them from the privacy in which they have hitherto been guarded, confident that his friends will understand my reason for giving them a rather wider publicity than I had myself ever intended.

I should like to add that I have left his father's and his own earlier Verses—"Seria cum Nugis"—as they were put together by him. And I have thought it best to let the later Verses follow in chronological order.

A. I. H.

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